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pointed out, that is the answer in that situation or the guideline, the court will defer to that. I believe we're better off under the existing circumstance than to go down the path that we're talking about today for a couple reasons: does limit the opportunity for young people in the state of Nebraska to seek a remedy for themselves; and two, there's a lack of understanding about the issue today and I think that it is appropriate for us to continue with this discussion. I would have loved to have passed LB 391 in its original form as it came I think that is the appropriate policy out of committee. decision for this body to make. This body was not willing to take that step. The next logical step was what we offered on General File to advance, to come up with something that was agreeable. I made an agreement with members that if we could not come up with something that was agreeable, we would not move forward with the legislation. After the discussion this morning, it doesn't appear...or this afternoon, it doesn't appear that we have that. Look, we have things on the agenda that need to happen. In all honesty, I think this is probably one of the most essential things that we could have done this legislative session. If it wasn't, I wouldn't have put my name on it. I wouldn't have brought it before this body, and the Speaker wouldn't have offered it to be debated, because it This issue is not going away, regardless of whether we pass over this bill today or not, but what is going to happen is that we are going to continue to try to educate the members of this Legislature. We're going to continue to try and educate the citizens of the state of what an opportunity that we need to be providing for our young people, and how we need to understand how our existing law doesn't allow them to attain the goals that would have for themselves in a very, very narrow opportunity, and that is for necessities. With Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we pass over LB 391.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Erdman. We will pass over LB 391 and leave that part of the agenda. We will have items for the record, but before we do that let me advise the body on the agenda. After the next section of bills, you will see where it indicates Final Reading, motions to return to Select File for a specific amendment. It is at that time that we will take up any motions for amendments that you might file on the Final